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Note verbale dated 1 June 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Andorra to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Andorra to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General, and has the honour to transmit a letter from Mr. Juli Minoves Triquell, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Andorra, concerning cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Andorra would be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 1 June 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Andorra to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you of the position of the Government of the Principality of Andorra regarding cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), particularly concerning the conclusions of the Secretary-General's Panel of Eminent Persons on Civil Society and United Nations Relationships (the "Cardoso Panel") on relations between the United Nations and civil society, including parliamentarians and the private sector. The Andorran parliamentary delegation took an active part in the 110th Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, held in Mexico from 15 to 23 April 2004, and supported the recommendations of IPU in relation to the conclusions of the Cardoso Panel.

As you know, the Principality of Andorra has usually reacted favourably to your reports on cooperation between the United Nations and IPU and has also co-sponsored draft resolutions on the subject. During the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, my Government co-sponsored and strongly supported the proposal that IPU should be given observer status. I would like to reiterate my Government's support for your efforts to strengthen cooperation between the United Nations and IPU. We believe that the two bodies should enter into a process of in-depth consultations in order to define a shared view of the parliamentary dimension of the work of the United Nations. Governments and parliaments could consider the outcome of such negotiations during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, in the hope that the latter would favour active and constructive participation by parliaments in the areas of competence of IPU.

(*Signed*) Juli **Minoves Triquell**
Minister for Foreign Affairs